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# Email Microservice

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A simple, lightweight SMTP email sending microservice built with Express.js and Nodemailer. Features automatic sleep/wake functionality to optimize resource usage.



## Features

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- ☒ **SMTP Email Sending** - Send emails using any SMTP provider
- ☒ **Flexible Configuration** - SMTP settings provided in request body (no hardcoded secrets)
- ☒ **Multiple Recipients** - Support for sending to multiple email addresses
- ☒ **Rich Content** - Support for both HTML and plain text emails
- ☒ **File Attachments** - Send files as email attachments
- ☒ **Auto Sleep/Wake** - Automatically sleeps after 30 minutes of inactivity
- ☒ **Health Monitoring** - Built-in health check endpoint
- ☒ **CORS Enabled** - Ready for cross-origin requests



## API Endpoints

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### 1. Welcome & Usage Instructions

```
GET /
```

Returns welcome message with complete usage instructions and examples.

### 2. Health Check

```
GET /health
```

Returns service health status, uptime, memory usage, and service state.

### 3. Send Email

```
POST /send-email
```

Sends an email using SMTP configuration provided in the request body.

## 4. Wake Up Service

```
POST /wake
```

Wakes up the service if it's sleeping due to inactivity.

## 5. Manual Sleep (Bonus)

```
POST /sleep
```

Manually puts the service to sleep.



# Installation & Setup

## Installation

```
# Install dependencies
npm install express cors nodemailer
npm install -D @types/express @types/cors @types/nodemailer typescript ts-node
```

## Run the Service

```
# Development mode
npx ts-node email-microservice.ts

# Or build and run
```

```
npm run build
npm start
```



## Usage Examples

### Basic Email Example

```
curl -X POST http://localhost:3001/send-email \
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \
-d '{
  "smtpConfig": {
    "host": "smtp.gmail.com",
    "port": 587,
    "secure": false,
    "auth": {
      "user": "your-email@gmail.com",
      "pass": "your-app-password"
    }
  },
  "emailData": {
    "from": "sender@example.com",
    "to": "recipient@example.com",
    "subject": "Test Email from Microservice",
    "text": "Hello! This is a test email from the microservice.",
    "html": "<h1>Hello!</h1><p>This is a <strong>test email</strong> from the
microservice.</p>"
  }
}'
```

### Multiple Recipients Example

```
curl -X POST http://localhost:3001/send-email \
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \
-d '{
  "smtpConfig": {
    "host": "smtp.gmail.com",
    "port": 587,
    "secure": false,
    "auth": {
      "user": "your-email@gmail.com",
      "pass": "your-app-password"
    }
  },
  "emailData": {
    "from": "sender@example.com",
```

```
"to": ["recipient1@example.com", "recipient2@example.com",
"recipient3@example.com"],
  "subject": "Bulk Email Test",
  "html": "<h2>Bulk Email</h2><p>This email was sent to multiple recipients.
</p>"
}
```

## Email with Attachments Example

```
curl -X POST http://localhost:3001/send-email \
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \
-d '{
  "smtpConfig": {
    "host": "smtp.gmail.com",
    "port": 587,
    "secure": false,
    "auth": {
      "user": "your-email@gmail.com",
      "pass": "your-app-password"
    }
  },
  "emailData": {
    "from": "sender@example.com",
    "to": "recipient@example.com",
    "subject": "Email with Attachment",
    "text": "Please find the attachment below.",
    "attachments": [
      {
        "filename": "hello.txt",
        "content": "SGVsbG8gV29ybGQh",
        "encoding": "base64"
      }
    ]
  }
}'
```

## Health Check Example

```
curl http://localhost:3001/health
```

## Wake Up Service Example

```
curl -X POST http://localhost:3001/wake
```



# SMTP Provider Examples

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## Gmail

```
{
  "smtpConfig": {
    "host": "smtp.gmail.com",
    "port": 587,
    "secure": false,
    "auth": {
      "user": "your-email@gmail.com",
      "pass": "your-app-password"
    }
  }
}
```

## Outlook/Hotmail

```
{
  "smtpConfig": {
    "host": "smtp-mail.outlook.com",
    "port": 587,
    "secure": false,
    "auth": {
      "user": "your-email@outlook.com",
      "pass": "your-password"
    }
  }
}
```

## SendGrid

```
{
  "smtpConfig": {
    "host": "smtp.sendgrid.net",
    "port": 587,
```

```
"secure": false,
"auth": {
  "user": "apikey",
  "pass": "your-sendgrid-api-key"
}
}
```

## Mailgun

```
{
  "smtpConfig": {
    "host": "smtp.mailgun.org",
    "port": 587,
    "secure": false,
    "auth": {
      "user": "your-mailgun-smtp-username",
      "pass": "your-mailgun-smtp-password"
    }
  }
}
```



## Security Features

- **No Hardcoded Secrets:** All SMTP credentials are provided in request body
- **Input Validation:** Comprehensive validation of all input parameters
- **Error Handling:** Proper error handling and informative error messages
- **CORS Protection:** CORS middleware for secure cross-origin requests



## Sleep/Wake Functionality

The microservice automatically:

- **Sleeps** after 30 minutes of inactivity to save resources
- **Tracks** last activity time for all endpoints
- **Provides** wake-up endpoint to reactivate sleeping service
- **Reports** current state in health checks and responses



# Response Format

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## Success Response

```
{
  "success": true,
  "message": "Email sent successfully!",
  "messageId": "message-id-from-smtp",
  "response": "250 OK",
  "timestamp": "2024-01-01T12:00:00.000Z"
}
```

## Error Response

```
{
  "success": false,
  "message": "Failed to send email",
  "error": "Error details here",
  "timestamp": "2024-01-01T12:00:00.000Z"
}
```

## Health Response

```
{
  "status": "healthy",
  "timestamp": "2024-01-01T12:00:00.000Z",
  "uptime": 3600,
  "serviceState": "active",
  "lastActivity": "2024-01-01T12:00:00.000Z",
  "memory": {
    "rss": 50331648,
    "heapTotal": 20971520,
    "heapUsed": 15728640,
    "external": 1048576
  },
  "version": "1.0.0"
}
```





# Environment Variables

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The microservice uses the following optional environment variables:

- **PORT** - Server port (default: 3001)



## Troubleshooting

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### Common Issues

#### 1. Gmail Authentication Error

- Enable 2-factor authentication
- Generate an App Password instead of using your regular password
- Use the App Password in the **pass** field

#### 2. Service Not Responding

- Check if service is sleeping: **GET** /health
- Wake up the service: **POST** /wake

#### 3. SMTP Connection Error

- Verify SMTP host and port settings
- Check if your email provider requires specific security settings
- Ensure credentials are correct



## License

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ISC License - Feel free to use and modify as needed.



## Contributing

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This is a simple microservice template. Feel free to extend it with additional features like:

- Email templates
- Queue management
- Rate limiting
- Logging and monitoring
- Database integration
- Authentication middleware